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HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 19

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1997

INTRODUCED BY

J. PAUL TAYLOR

FOR THE HEALTH CARE REFORM COMMITTEE

A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO HEALTH POLICY COMMISSION TO ESTABLISH
A TASK FORCE IN COOPERATION WITH THE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES AND
THE DEPARTMENTS OF HEALTH AND INSURANCE TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS
ON COUNTY INDIGENT HEALTH CARE PROGRAMS AND ADDRESS INSURANCE
ACCESS ISSUES OF THE UNINSURED AND WORKING POOR.

WHEREAS, it is the health policy of the state to assure
access to needed health services regardless of financial status;
and

WHEREAS, great variation exists in eligibility standards,
means testing, covered services and reimbursement methodologies
among counties regarding use of indigent funds for health
services; and

WHEREAS, this variability contributes to apparent
inequities in access to health care based on the county of

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1 residence; and

2 WHEREAS, the counties and the state share responsibility
3 for assuring access and availability of health care services to
4 their residents; and

5 WHEREAS, while the expansion of medicaid coverage to one
6 hundred eighty-five percent of the federal poverty level for
7 children has helped, working poor adults often remain uninsured;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, the implementation of welfare reform initiatives
10 may exacerbate the problem, as individuals coming off welfare
11 may enter low-paying jobs that provide no health insurance
12 benefits;

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
14 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico health policy commission
15 be requested to establish a task force in cooperation with the
16 association of counties and the departments of health and
17 insurance to make recommendations to expand health care access
18 to indigent and working poor populations in New Mexico through
19 the following:

20 A. identification of optimal uses of county indigent
21 funds, including:

22 (1) development of uniform minimum standards of
23 eligibility, means testing and covered services;

24 (2) development of standard methodologies and
25 rates for claims paid;

1 (3) sharing or consolidation of administrative
2 functions, including technical expertise; and

3 (4) identification of a mechanism to equalize
4 county revenues to enable all counties to comply with the
5 minimum eligibility and covered services standards;

6 B. making affordable insurance recommendations that
7 consider:

8 (1) decreasing risk segmentation;

9 (2) improved risk pooling;

10 (3) stop loss protections;

11 (4) administrative simplification and a
12 continuum of coverage;

13 (5) graduated subsidies and potential revenue
14 sources for the subsidies;

15 (6) variable insurance products and choices;
16 and

17 (7) removal of costly insurance mandates;

18 C. identification of a mechanism for affordable
19 insurance access that defines the population to be served and
20 the responsibilities of the employee, employer and state; and

21 D. discovering any common ground that may exist
22 between insurance coverage and indigent fund coverage of
23 indigent and working poor persons; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the recommendations of this
25 task force be presented to the appropriate interim legislative

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1 committee no later than September 1, 1997; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be sent
3 to the chairman of the New Mexico health policy commission, the
4 director of the association of counties, the secretary of health
5 and the superintendent of insurance.

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State of New Mexico House of Representatives

FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION, 1997

March 4, 1997

Mr. Speaker:

Your GOVERNMENT AND URBAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, to
whom has been referred

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has had it under consideration and reports same with
recommendation that it DO PASS, and thence referred to the
APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynda M. Lovejoy, Chairwoman

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Date _____

The roll call vote was 5 For 2 Against

Yes: 5

No: Pearce, Wallace

Excused: Hobbs

Absent: None

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FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION, 1997

March 10, 1997

Mr. Speaker:

Your APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE, to
whom has been referred

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has had it under consideration and reports same with
recommendation that it DO PASS.

Respectfully submitted,

Max Coll, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 8 For 4 Against

Yes: 8

No: Buffett, Marquardt, Pearce, Wallace

Excused: Bird, Knowles, Picraux, Salazar, Townsend

Absent: None

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FIRST SESSION, 1997

March 18, 1997

Mr. President:

Your PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

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has had it under consideration and reports same with recommendation that it DO PASS.

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Robinson, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 6 For 0 Against

Yes: 6

No: 0

Excused: Adair, Boitano

Absent: None

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